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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
Director and Health Officer

**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S USE OF DELEGATED
AUTHORITY TO AMEND AGREEMENT H-702550-3 WITH PUBLIC HEALTH
FOUNDATION ENTERPRISES, INC.**

This is to advise you that I am exercising the authority as approved by your Board on February 6, 2008, to execute an amendment to Agreement Number H-702550 with Public Health Foundation Enterprises (PHFE), Inc. that will increase the maximum obligation of the agreement by \$4,129,481 from \$16,156,765 to \$20,286,246 to support a comprehensive public health response to bioterrorism threats or other public health emergencies in Los Angeles County, at no net County cost.

DPH will execute Amendment Number 4 to Agreement Number H-702550 which will include the following activities:

Base Grant: August 10, 2008 – August 9, 2009 at an amount of \$546,491.

These funds will support the Department of Public Health (DPH) in efforts to retain qualified staff that is difficult for the County to recruit and hire in a timely manner to perform vital work under the Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism grant.

Pandemic Influenza: August 10, 2008 – August 9, 2009 at an amount of \$1,875,242.

These funds will support pandemic influenza preparedness activities including a series of exercises, business outreach activities, community engagement activities, multi-agency response planning for a mass-exposure biological incidents occurring at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), development of a large-scale computer pandemic influenza simulator customized for Los Angeles County to guide pandemic influenza planning, surge planning for hospitals, and development of an Alternate Care Site Plan.

Information Technology Project Support: August 10, 2008 – August 9, 2009 at an amount of \$315,982. This project will allow DPH to continue establishment of a structured project management program and governance process for the portfolio of IT projects and initiatives funded through the Cooperative Agreement and other related sources.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI): August 10, 2008 – August 9, 2009 at an amount of \$51,916. These funds will support three Senior Disaster Services Analysts. Two will work with Department of Health Services Emergency Medical Systems and perform a range of consultative and analytical activities related to medical planning and implications related to Triage and Treatment in catastrophic events. The third will serve as the DPH representative to the Los Angeles – Long Beach Urban Area Critical Incident Planning and Training Alliance (LA-LB Alliance), an interdisciplinary, interagency collaborative responsible for catastrophic event planning.

Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI): August 10, 2008 – August 9, 2009 at an amount of \$1,254,903. These funds will support DPH efforts to retain qualified staff that are difficult for the County to recruit and hire in a timely manner to perform vital work under the Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism grant. These funds will also support a series of exercises, training, the development of a Public Health Partner Notification Registry, maintenance and upgrading of the Points of Distribution (POD) data collection system, Medical Reserve Corp and other volunteer related activities, and development of CRI partnership Memorandums of Understanding.

Real Time Disease Detection (RTDD): August 10, 2008 – August 9, 2009 at an amount of \$84,947. These funds will support implementation of RTDD projects to improve real-time disease detection including further development of a partnership with the California Poison Control Center and coordination of a pilot demonstration project with hospitals to obtain and validate advanced disease diagnostic technology.

Funds will be available through the forthcoming Centers for Disease Control Notice of Award (NA) for 2008-09, and from the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI). County Counsel and the Chief Executive Office have approved the amended as to form.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

JEF/jr

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors